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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My dear Parishioners,

The second part of the letter of the new policy that Bishop Deshotel has implemented regarding Mass in funeral homes is continued...

"I ask that you work with funeral directors, who offer such beautiful and professional assistance to the deceased and the bereaved, to encourage families to experience the full beauty of our Catholic liturgical traditions. These, our friends and colleagues, who work at funeral homes to share our calling to help families in fragile moments. The vast majority of funeral home personnel are also compassionate believers (in many cases Catholics and Christians) who also see their work as a privileged vocation in the community. It is vital to develop and nourish a positive and affable relationship with these co-workers. We must do our best to explain our Traditions and to develop lines of prompt communication even sharing our cell phone numbers with the understanding that they will use private contacts with a sensitivity to the busy lives that clergy live today.

"In the rare event of the funeral Mass being celebrated in a funeral home, the clergy officiant is to notify the proper pastor that this will take place. The funeral record is to be entered in the parish journal where the funeral home is located and in the funeral record of the priest who is offering the funeral Mass. The mere convenience of having everything in one place is not a reason to forego having the funeral Mass in the parish Church. What a wonderful opportunity to explain our faith in our redemption won in Christ while also forming or strengthening ties with the local parish community.

"Put another way, let's consider that the typical deceased Catholics are nearly always baptized in the church, celebrates their first Confession in the church, receive their first Holy Communion in the church (nearly in the spot where the casket lies), is confirmed with the Holy Chrism in the church, (if married) professes their nuptial vows in the church, walks repeatedly the Stations of the Cross in the church, kneels and prays before the tabernacle joined by family and parishioners (in good times and bad) in the church – and now (confoundingly), their final commendation and Mass of Christian burial is offered in the funeral home. Surely, only a serious and exceptional reason could suffice for a reason!

"Routinely separating the funeral rites from the parish church, deprives the un-churched, disaffected Catholics and persons with different faith beliefs from encountering a living community and the transcendent symbolism of the house of God. I have witnessed many people return to Mass after the death of a loved one because they experienced once again the pull of eternal life, support in grief and the need for the grace of the Sacraments. Consider also, that for some people, a Catholic funeral might be the only occasion to cross the threshold of a Catholic church. Let's give God's holy people the benefit of our Catholic traditions.

"Finally, the graveside service, the last farewell, should be done according to the Order of Christian Funerals, adapting the prayers and customs according to the legitimate options offered. Emphasis should be placed on the truth that Christ, by His resurrection, has made the grave a sign of hope in our own resurrection to eternal life.

"I praise God frequently that I am able to share ministry with such a zealous fraternity of priests and deacons in a most wonderful Diocese. Thank you for your attention to this important part of our priestly ministry."

"Fraternally in Christ, Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D. Bishop of Lafayette"

O. C. CORNER

OCS parents are reminded of the "School Time" in-store uniform event on Wednesday during extended hours of 6-8 pm. OCS also congratulates Ariana Boudreaux for being named "Outstanding Piano Student of the Year" in the Piano Masters program at OCS.

All family and friends of OCS are reminded that the 2017-2018 Angel Appeal Drive will get underway in September and will run through the school year. We pray for continued support and success!

Parents are encouraged to check ParentsWeb and/or the school website (www.OCSvikings.com) for updated information during the summer months.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Rev. James Nguyen; Monday: Rev. Thomas Nguyen; Tuesday: Rev. Gayle Nunez; Wednesday: Rev. Godwin Nzeh, CMF; Thursday: Rev. Anselm Ofodum; Friday: Rev. Paul Onuegbe; and Saturday: Rev. Paul Osterle, SJ.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

May: Pope's Intentions for Evangelization: Christians in Africa. That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

EVENTS

ANNUAL SEMINARIAN BENEFIT BANQUET

The Fourth Degree Knights Annual Seminarian Benefit Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Our Lady Queen of Angels' Church Hall. Tickets are \$10.00. Fellowship hour will be from 6-7pm. All proceeds go to four Seminarians. The Most Reverend Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel is the guest speaker. For tickets, call Harvey Wimberly at 948-8729 or 331-3609 or any Fourth Degree Knight.

FRENCH MASS IN MEMORY OF AUGUSTE "NONCO" PELAFIGUE

The French Mass is scheduled for Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 10:30am, at St. Francis Regis Catholic Church, 232 Main Street, Arnaudville, LA. Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel, Diocese of Lafayette, Celebrant, and Father Keenan Brown, Pastor, Co-Celebrant. A reception will follow after the Mass, Little Flower Auditorium. Additional information to follow @ www.facebook.com/noncoauguste.pelafigue or www.nonco.org.

MAN - TO - MAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 6th Biennial Conference will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Lafayette, LA from 8am to 2pm. Cost per person, including jambalaya lunch, is \$35 per person. Men 18 years and older are invited. The Keynote Speaker will be Deacon Harold burke-Sivers; Special Guest Speakers are Bishop Douglas Deshotel, Father Floyd Calais and Father Joel Faulk. Master of Ceremonies

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection \$13,907.49
Opelousas Catholic Collection \$1106.00
Bishop Services Appeal 37.00
Catholic Home Mission 5.00
Peter's Pence Collection 5.00
Holy Land Collection 25.00

Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship! "Everything we have and give comes from God." (Corinthians 29:11-17)

READERS

June 17 4:00 p.m. J. P. Griffin
June 18 8:30 a.m. Michael Ortego
10:30 a.m. Lessley Fontenot
5:15 p.m. Terry Mayeux

ALTAR SOCIETY

June 17 - 23 Verona Courville & Committee
Linens (June 17) Valerie Chachere

ACTIVITIES

Wed., June 14 2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

The instructions for parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will be held at Our Lady Queen of Angels on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. FIRST, PLEASE CALL THIS OFFICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT 942-5628.



PERPETUAL EUCHARIST ADORATION

The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the following favor:
1. For many blessings.

If you can commit to an hour with Jesus, please call!
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Claire Robichaux (942-7059)
12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. - Marie LeBlanc (948-8940)
6:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m. - Jerome Collins (H-948-4595 or Cell-781-7185)

NEED AT LEAST ONE ADORER FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Tuesday, 2:00pm; Friday, 12:00pm, 3:00pm & 4:00pm;
Saturday 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00pm; Sunday, 3:00pm

COME LET US ADORE HIM! FETE-DIEU DU TECHE

Eucharistic Boast Procession down Bayou Teche, will take place on the Feast of the Assumption, Tuesday, August 15. All are invited to a Mass in French at 8:00am at St. Leo the Great in Leonville to begin the day. Bishop Deshotel will preside and give the homily. At the end of Mass, there will be a procession from Church with the Blessed Sacrament to the boat landing. At 9:30am 50 boats will disembark in procession and make their way down Bayou Teche, retracing part of the actual journey of our Acadian ancestors, toward St. Martinville. The boat procession will stop at each Church along the way for recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (10:20am-11:05am in Arnaudville; 11:45am-12:30pm in Cecilia; 1:35-2:30pm in Breaux Bride; 3:15-4:00 pm in Parks). The procession will arrive in St. Martinville at about 4:45pm and disembark behind Notre Dame de Perpetuel Secours and enter the Church for Benediction. The procession will continue on foot to St. Martin de Tours for 5:15 pm Benediction and then down main street to Mater Dolorosa Chapel for Solemn Vespers and Final Benediction at 6:00pm. Confessions will be heard at each of the stops along the way. For more information about the day or to register a boat visit contact the website at www.fetedieuduteche.org, or send ann email at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com, or call 337-394-6550.

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MASSES

Sat., June 10 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Evelyn Comeaux, Lynn Marks & Marie Marks, Ralph Ortego, Alphan & Yvonne Fontenot, Chad Saucier, Addison Montgomery, Keith Fontenot & Sandra Gay, Louis R. LaBruyere, III, Thelma, Lacey & Randall Spell, Wilbur & Alice Reed, Anita Durio & Myrtle Gibson, Theresa Briley, Hilda Montet, Ashley Doucet Boyd, Richard Millsbaugh & Rena Millsbaugh

Sun., June 11 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courville, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave "Tat" Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, John A. Green, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Irvin Deranger, M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Alvarez Hertzock, M/M Abram & Irene Lafleur, M/M Alphonse & Angela Wyble, Jules Olivier, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Anna Leger, Jesse, Jr., Dudley & Glenn Macip, Tommy & Jerry Oge', Percy Thibodeaux, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin & Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Willis & Girlie Fontenot, T.D., Dolores, Dewey & Charmaine Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianna, Judy, Roy(Anniversary of Death) & Velton Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine Bertrand, Jean, Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Paul & Pat(Anniversary of Death 6/8) Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille, Myrtle Smith & Gary G. Castille, Pete Wade

10:30 a.m. Morgan Adams, Lucille "Lucy" Veltin, James "Jim" Wallace, Donald & Sylvia Chachere, Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex & Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff & Greg Durio, Cecily Camille Soileau, Lillian & Ray B. Guillory, M/M Elridge Schwartzburg & M/M Elmo Simon, Gerrit Paul Ryder, Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Jackie Mills, Daniel Mansfield

5:15 p.m. M/M Lloyd Ardoin, Sr.
Mon., June 12 5:15 p.m. John G. Fontenot
Tues., June 13 7:00 a.m. Morgan Goudeau(B)
Wed., June 14 5:15 p.m. Ronald Fusilier(Anniversary of Death), Irvin Deranger, Woodrow, Carl & Lisa Deville, Hilda Montet
Thurs., June 15 7:00 a.m. Joshua Gaines(B)
Fri., June 16 5:15 p.m. Joyce Bourque(Anniversary of Death), Theresa Briley

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5:15 p.m. Benjamin Richard, Benny Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee J. Guillory, Jimmy Mizzi, Louis P. Fontenot, Sr., Joseph Stelly, Billy Tully

NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new in the parish and are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing your:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____

Or come by the office to get acquainted.